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SUBJECT: MOBUTU VISITS KENYA

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1. IN A PERFORMANCE THAT WAS CERTAINLY ATYPICAL BY PAST STANDARDS BUT WHICH MAY BECOME MORE FREQUENT UNDER KENYA'S NEW FOREIGN MINISTER, MUNYUA WAIYAKI, THE GOK ROLLED OUT THE RED CARPET FOR ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT MOBUTU WHEN THE LATTER MADE AN UNOFFICIAL STOP-OVER DECEMBER 5-6 ON HIS WAY TO NORTH KOREA. MOBUTU WAS MET AT THE NAIROBI AIRPORT BY WAIYAKI AND MIN. COMMERCE/INDUSTRY KIANO BEFORE BEING FLOWN TO NAKURU TO BE RECEIVED WITH FULL HONORS BY PRESIDENT KENYATTA. IN ADDITION, MOFA SOURCES TELL US GOK PICKED UP TAB FOR OVERNIGHT STAY IN NAIROBI OF MOBUTU'S ENTIRE 63-MEMBER PARTY.

2. COMMENT: WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO REPORT LATER ON SUBSTANCE OF MOBUTU/KENYATTA TALKS, BUT IN MEANTIME WISH TO SUGGEST THAT ON THIS OCCASION STYLE MAY HAVE BEEN AS IMPORTANT AS SUBSTANCE. MOFA SOURCES HAD EARLIER INDICATED THAT GOK, CONCERNED BY ITS GROWING ISOLATION IN EASTERN AFRICA, WAS DETERMINED TO TAKE MORE

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ACTIVE ROLE IN WOOING FRIENDS. MOBUTU RECEPTION IS

FIRST INDICATION OF THIS DETERMINATION
BEING PUT INTO EFFECT.
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